

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No person should be forced to have any medical exam or hearing test before buying a hearing aid as long as the person is fully informed about it. If I were to be forced, why should I be forced to pay for it?

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Some persons have had exams by hearing aid specialist or ear doctors & have been told they needed aids when they didn't. Also, some "specialists" convince persons they need very expensive aids when a less costly aid would do the job.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Absolutely not. There is no danger to the public good if a person decides to forego any exam or test before buying a hearing aid.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Absolutely. This is a free country. If I can buy vitamins and other health products through the mail, why not hearing aids?

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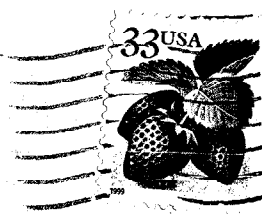
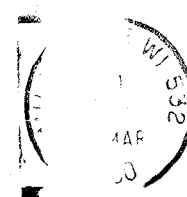
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